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SUBJECT: MELGAR'S END OF THE YEAR ADDRESS

1. CHIEF OF STATE MELGAR DELIVERED THE TRADITIONAL END OF THE YEAR SPEECH ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 31 (TEXT POUCHED). THE MAIN POINTS FOLLOWS:

A. CALLED FOR A UNITED ACTION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND OF ALL SECTORS TO ACHIEVE A BETTER SOCIETY;

B. DESCRIBED AND DEFENDED THE GOVERNMENT'S NEED TO OBTAIN EXTERNAL FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS;

C. POINTED OUT THAT 1976 HAD MARKED THE RESURGENCE OF THE HONDURAN ECONOMY IN TERMS OF A 6.5 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AND A DECREASE IN THE RATE OF INFLATION;

D. SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION
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TO THE PAPER AND PULP PROJECT, THE TOURIST COMPLEX OF TORNASAL AND THE EL CAJON HYDROELECTRIC PROJEGE;

E. STATED THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AND EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO CARRY OUT THE REFORM ON A LEGAL BASIS SO THAT ALL INVOLVED SECTORS ARE TREATED CORRECTLY;

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F. REAFFIRMED THE GOH'S INTEREST IN ACHIEVING A TOTAL SOLUTION OF ITS DISPUTE WITH EL SALVADOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, OUTLINED THE STEPS BY WHICH THE MEDIATION AGREEMENT HAD COME INTO BEING AND VOICED THE HOPE THAT THE GOES WOULD RATIFY THE AGREEMENT IN THE COMING WEEKS;

G. COMMENTED THAT THE ADVISORY COUNCIL WOULD CONSIDER A PROPOSED ELECTORAL LAW IN THE NEAR FUTURE; AND

H. OBSERVED THAT IN HONDURAS THERE ARE NO GUERILLAS, KIDNAPPINGS, OR POLITICAL PRISONERS AND SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.

2. COMMENT. THE SPEECH CONTAINED NO SURPRISES AND WAS LITTLE MORE THAN A DESCRIPTION OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND ACTIONS DURING THE PAST YEAR. THERE WERE NO ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FUTURE PROGRAMS OR OF ANY NEW POLICIES. BASICALLY, THE SPEECH DID NOT DEVIATE FROM THE COURSE OF ACTION OUTLINED IN LAST YEAR'S END OF THE YEAR SPEECH, AND IT INDICATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE THE SAME POLICIES IN 1977 THAT IT DID IN 1976.
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